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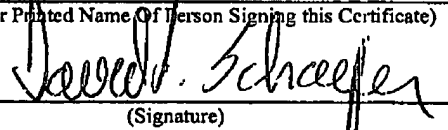
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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed to cite an Office Action mailed on March 30, 2004, in Japanese Patent Appln. No. 1998-338011, which is a counterpart to the instant case. Since the Office Action is in Japanese, a complete English translation also has been provided.

The Japanese Office Action applied Japanese Laid-Open Patent Appln. No. 10-217509; JP 10-217509 already is of record in this application, having been cited in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 24, 2004. Furthermore, an English-language counterpart to JP 10-217509, European Patent Appln. 854 043, also is already

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Nevertheless, for completeness and to insure compliance with the Duty of Disclosure, Applicants submit herewith a complete English machine translation of JP 10-217509. That translation is not listed as a foreign reference, but rather, as non-patent literature, because the original reference itself already is of record.

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With regard to the English translation of JP 10-217509, that reference already is of record, as is the English-language counterpart, EP 854 043. Accordingly, no Statement is believed to be necessary for the translation, since the information therein already is before the Examiner.

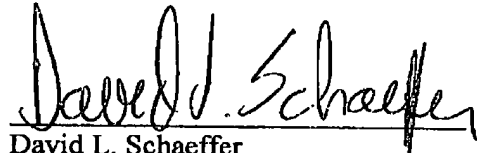
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In the event that there are any questions, or should additional information be required, please contact Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

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